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USAID signs new US\$ 14 million contract to support Bolivian justice system

Besides supporting the areas of legal modernization and criminal system reform, USAID's initiative will now strengthen the area of Trade and Administrative Law to promote investments and legal security in the country

After a recently completed process of international bidding, the United States Government, through its Agency for International Development (USAID) in Bolivia, has signed a new contract to continue its support for justice administration in Bolivia. The firm Checci and Company Consulting, Inc. was selected in a process that evaluated international applicants for their institutional capabilities, the scope of their technical proposals and the quality of their human resources.

Starting in February, Checci and Company Consulting, Inc. replaces Management Sciences of Development (MSD), the previous contractor in charge of executing USAID/Bolivia's justice administration program. This initiative has already supported the Bolivian government in designing and implementing the reforms to the Criminal Procedural Code. These reforms introduced oral trials, a citizen jury, and a closer-to-society new legal procedural system, designed to be more transparent while also preventing judicial delays.

Through the new contractor, USAID will continue cooperation to consolidate the criminal justice system and develop initiatives to modernize Trade and Administrative Law, in order to promote an environment of greater transparency for businesses and the protection of investments in the country.

During the next five years, through Checci and Company Consulting, Inc., USAID will execute a grant program of US\$ 14 million, destined to fund both new legal reforms and the modernization of the judicial system.

This initiative is a part of the comprehensive cooperation program of the United States to Bolivia, which is annually estimated at approximately US\$ 150 million.